

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA

BECKLEY DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

Criminal No. 5:22-cr-00182

CHRISTOPHER J. SMYTH

ARRAIGNMENT ORDER AND
STANDARD DISCOVERY REQUESTS

I. ARRAIGNMENT ORDER

[Defendant present] At Beckley, on October 6, 20 22, came the United States of America by Andrew Isabell, Assistant United States Attorney, and also came the defendant in person, and by court-appointed ☒ retained counsel, Michael B. Hissam, Esquire, for the purpose of an arraignment.

After the Court interrogated the defendant and was satisfied that the defendant had received a copy of the indictment, and had read and understood the contents thereof, and that his/her attorney had explained the nature of the charges to him/her, the defendant entered a voluntary plea of **NOT GUILTY** to the indictment.

[Defendant not present] At _____, on _____, 20____, came the United States of America by _____, Assistant United States Attorney, and also came _____, court-appointed retained counsel for the defendant, who had previously waived his/her right to be present at the arraignment, which waiver was accepted. A **NOT GUILTY** plea to the indictment was entered for the defendant, pursuant to the waiver.

IT IS ORDERED that this case be set for trial to a jury at 9:00 a.m. on November 29, 20 22, in Beckley, before the Honorable Frank W. Volk. Counsel should be prepared to select a jury on the preceding Friday if so ordered by the Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if any courtroom technology is required for use at trial or other proceeding, counsel shall notify the court's technology staff. A certification that the court's technology staff has been notified shall be filed with the clerk no later than 7 days before the scheduled commencement of the trial or other proceeding.

III. STANDARD DISCOVERY REQUEST FORM

(Initial "A" or "B")

MBH A. The defendant has elected to utilize the Standard Discovery Requests, as set forth in Rule 16.1 of the Local Rules of Criminal Procedure for the Southern District of West Virginia.

____ B. The defendant has elected **NOT** to utilize the Standard Discovery Requests, as set forth in Rule 12.1 of the Local Rules of Criminal Procedure for the Southern District of West Virginia. Accordingly, the defendant is hereby **ORDERED** to file all pretrial motions together with supporting memoranda fourteen (14) days before the hearing on pretrial motions, not later than _____, 20____, and to provide copies to the presiding judge's chambers. Responses shall be filed within seven (7) days, not later than _____, 20____, with copies provided to the presiding judge's chambers.

Whereupon, the following **Standard Discovery Requests** were made:

1. On Behalf of the Defendant, the Government Is Requested to:
(defense counsel must initial all applicable sections)

MBH a. Disclose to defendant the substance of any relevant oral statement made by the defendant, before or after arrest, in response to interrogation by a person the defendant knew was a government agent if the government intends to use the statement at trial. [F.R.Crim.P. 16(a)(1)(A)].

MBH b. **[Individual defendant]** Disclose to defendant and make available for inspection, copying or photographing, all of the following: (I) any relevant written or recorded statement by the defendant if the statement is within the government's possession, custody, or control; and the attorney for the government knows--or through due diligence could know--that the statement exists; (ii) the portion of any written record containing the substance of any relevant oral statement made before or after arrest if the defendant made the statement in response to interrogation by a person the defendant knew was a government agent; and (iii) the defendant's recorded testimony before a grand jury relating to the charged offense. [F.R.Crim.P. 16(a)(1)(B)].

____ c. **[Organization defendant]** Where the defendant is an organization, e.g., corporation, partnership, association or labor union, disclose to the defendant any statement described in F.R.Crim.P. 16(a)(1)(A) and (B), if the government contends that the person making the statement (I) was legally able to bind the defendant regarding the subject of the statement because of that person's position as the defendant's director, officer, employee, or agent; or (ii) was personally involved in the alleged conduct constituting the offense and was legally able to bind the defendant regarding that conduct because of that person's position as the defendant's director, officer, employee, or agent. [F.R.Crim.P. 16(a)(1)(C)].

MBH d. Furnish the defendant with a copy of the defendant's prior criminal record that is within the government's possession, custody, or control if the attorney for the government knows--or through due diligence could know--that the record exists. [F.R.Crim.P. 16(a)(1)(D)].

MBH e. Permit the defendant to inspect and to copy or photograph books, papers, documents, data, photographs, tangible objects, buildings or places, or copies or portions of any of these items, if the item is within the government's possession, custody, or control, and (I) the item is material to preparing the defense; (ii) the government intends to use the item in its case in chief at trial; or (iii) the item was obtained from or belongs to the defendant. [F.R.Crim.P. 16(a)(1)(E)].

MBH f. Permit the defendant to inspect and to copy or photograph the results or reports of any physical or mental examination and of any scientific test or experiment if (I) the item is within the government's possession, custody or control; (ii) the attorney for the government knows--or through due diligence could know--that the item exists; and (iii) the item is material to preparing the defense or the government intends to use the item in its case-in-chief at trial. [F.R.Crim.P. 16(a)(1)(F)].

MBH g. Give to the defendant a written summary of any testimony that the government intends to use under Rules 702, 703, or 705 of the Federal Rules of Evidence during its case-in-chief at trial. If the government requests discovery under Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure 16(b)(1)(C)(ii) and the defendant complies, the government must, at the defendant's request, give to the defendant a written summary of testimony that the government intends to use under Rules 702, 703, or 705 of the Federal Rules of Evidence as evidence at trial on the issue of the defendant's mental condition. The summary provided must describe the witness's opinions, the bases and reasons for those opinions, and the witness's qualifications. [F.R.Crim.P. 16(a)(1)(G)].

MBH h. Disclose to defendant all evidence favorable to defendant, including impeachment evidence, and allow defendant to inspect, copy or photograph such evidence.

MBH i. Notify defendant of all evidence the government intends to introduce pursuant to Rule 404(b) of the Federal Rules of Evidence.

MBH j. Disclose to defendant all reports of government "mail cover", insofar as the same affects the government's case against the defendant or any alleged aiders and abettors or co-conspirators.

MBH k. Disclose to defendant any matter as to which the government will seek judicial notice.

MBH l. Disclose to defendant and make available for inspection, copying or photographing, the results of any interception of a wire, oral or electronic communication in the possession, custody or control of the government, the existence of which is known, or by the exercise of due diligence could become known, to the attorney for the government, which contains any relevant statement made by the defendant or which is material to the preparation of the defendant's defense or which is intended for use by the government as evidence in its case-in-chief at the trial. For each such interception, disclose (i) any application for an order authorizing the interception of a wire or oral communication, (ii) any affidavits filed in support thereof, and (iii) any court order authorizing such interception.

MBH m. Provide notice to defendant of the government's intention to use evidence pursuant to Rule 12(b)(4)(B) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

2. Government Responses to Defendant's Standard Discovery Requests.
(initial line)

ADI Pursuant to Local Rule 16.1(C), the Government hereby agrees to provide the materials to the defendant not later than fourteen (14) days from the date of this Order, or as otherwise agreed by the parties, or ordered by the Court.

Further, the government must file a written response to the defendant's standard discovery requests with the Clerk within the time frame set forth above.

3. Reciprocal Discovery and Filing of Additional Motions by Defendant.

Pursuant to Local Rule 16.1, the defendant shall provide to the Government any required reciprocal discovery within **fourteen (14) days** of receipt of the requested materials and filing of the government's written response to the defendant's discovery requests.

4. Continuing Duty of Disclosure.

The defendant and the government agree that their respective duties of disclosure and discovery pursuant to this order are continuing, and that they shall produce additional responsive information as soon as it is received, and in no event later than the time for such disclosure as required by law, rule of criminal procedure, or order of court.

IV. DISCLOSURE OF JENCKS ACT, RULE 26.2 MATERIALS; AND REQUEST FOR JURY QUESTIONNAIRES

(government and defense counsel initial and fill in lines)

ADI MBH A. The defendant and the government agree that all Jencks Act and Rule 26.2, F.R.Crim.P., material will be furnished to opposing counsel 7 days prior to any hearing, trial, or other event triggering the required disclosure of such material.

ADI MBH B. The defendant and the government request that the jury questionnaires answered by the petit jurors on the current panel called in this case be made available to each party for inspection and copying, which motion is **GRANTED** by the Court.

ADI MBH C. The defendant agrees that all material provided by the government which is subject to the provisions of Rule 6(e) of the F.R.Crim.P. will be used only in the preparation of the defense and will not be copied or published to any person whose knowledge of the same is not necessary to the preparation of the defense and, further, that upon request, all copies of the same will be returned to the government or destroyed at the close of the case.

The Clerk of this Court is directed to send a copy of this Order to the defendant, counsel of record, the United States Marshal and the United States Probation Office.

ENTER: October 6, 2022



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Omar J. Aboulhosn".

Omar J. Aboulhosn
United States Magistrate Judge

Inspected and Approved by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of stylized initials.

Counsel for Defendant

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Andrew D. Luckill".

Assistant United States Attorney